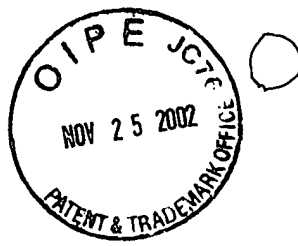


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
AND
REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 25, 2002, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until October 25, 2002.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month until November 25, 2002, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal request is not associated with this response or any fees are needed to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees required for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are requested.